Construction of Dr. Ambedkar Bhawan

260. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:
SHRI KESHUBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be please to state:

(a) whether Government have rejected the proposal sent by the Gujarat Government, for construction of Dr. Ambedkar Bhawan at Ahmedabad at the cost of Rs. 10 crore;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Government has sent the revised proposal for consideration; and

(d) if so, the status of the revised proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposal was not covered under the scheme of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However a request for reconsideration of the proposal was received which was not found feasible for approval.

Construction of hostels for SC girls and boys

261. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken over 50 per cent share of the State for construction of hostels for girls belonging to the Scheduled Castes in view of States inablility to contribute the same;

(b) the reasons for not taking over the 50 per cent share of the States for construction of hostels meant for boys belonging to the Scheduled Castes;

(c) whether her Ministry propose taking over the same; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) Keeping in view the wide gap between the literacy levels of SC girls and boys, a proposal has been formulated by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to raise the existing 50% central assistance to 100% to the State Governments for construction of hostels for Scheduled Caste girls, so as to encourage their enrolment and to reduce the drop out rate.

Non payment of first instalment to NGOs

†262. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the applications for first instalment of grants payable under various schemes to voluntary organizations working under the Ministry have not been accepted;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is also a fact that as per the rules framed for providing grant, the payment of first instalment to voluntary organizations, which have been getting grant in earlier years, be made without the recommendation of the State Government;

(c) the amount of grant-in-aid approved for the year, 2006-07 till 31st July, 2006 and the name of the schemes under which such grant was approved alongwith the grant approved by 31st July in the current year; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has introduced a new procedure for sanction of grant-in-aid to NGOs from the financial year 2007-08. As per the procedure, the proposals for financial assistance are to be considered after receipt of consolidated recommendations regarding new and ongoing projects by the Multi-Disciplinary Grant-in-Aid Committee of the States/Union Territories.

(c) and (d) The details are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details regarding schemes and amount approved for NGO's

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount released during 2006-07 (Upto 31.7.2006)	Amount released during 2007-08 (Upto 31.7.2007)
1.	Scheme of grant in aid to Voluntary Organisations working for Scheduled Cates	5.73	1.73
2.	Central Sector Scheme of Free Coaching for SC and OBC Students*	0.86	0.69
3.	Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations working for OBCs	0.20	1.22
4.	Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme	8.91	1.86
5.	Scheme for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances	0.71	--
6.	Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations working for Older Persons under Integrated Programme for Older Persons	2.14	2.94
7.	Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse	2.18	3.65
8.	Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for General Grant in Aid in the field of Social Defence	–	2.23

* During the year 2006-07, the name of the scheme was "Scheme of Coaching & Allied Assistance for weaker sections including SC, OBC & Minorities".